

**HILARY PARSONS DICK, PhD**  
*Curriculum Vitae*

ARCADIA UNIVERSITY  
Department of Historical & Political Studies  
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**EDUCATION**

- 2006      PhD in Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania  
*Dissertation:* El Norte No Se Hizo Para Todos/The U.S. Wasn't Made for Everyone:  
                  Imagined Lives, Social Difference, and Discourse in Migration  
*Committee:* Greg Urban (chair), Asif Agha, Douglas S. Massey, Miguel Díaz Barriga.
- 1999      MA in Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania  
*Thesis Title:* Competing Over Immigrant Families: The Workshop of Social Reproduction in  
                  Cosmopolitan Anthropology.
- 1993      BA (with honors) in Folklore and Folklife, University of Pennsylvania  
                  Concentration in Women's Studies.  
                  1991-92 Study Abroad in Costa Rica, Friends World Program, Long Island University

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS: globalization, transnationalism, and international migration (focus on Mexico-US); imagination and ethico-moral life; neoliberalism and political economy; Latin American and Latino/a Studies; discourse analysis; semiotics of social difference; modernity; development and human rights; the construction of gender, race, class and the production of social inequality; relationship between racialization and criminalization; concepts of personhood and agency; the impact of law on migration processes.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- 2011-Present    Assistant Professor, Arcadia University, Department of Historical and Political Studies  
2010-11        Visiting Assistant Professor, Haverford College, Department of Anthropology  
2008-10        Assistant Professor of Teaching, Temple University, College of Liberal Arts  
2007-08        Postdoctoral Lecturer, University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology  
2006-07        Interim Lecturer, Bryn Mawr College, Department of Anthropology

**FELLOWSHIPS AND ACADEMIC HONORS**

- Faculty Development Award, Arcadia University (2011-2012)  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Humanities, Temple University (2008-2010)  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago (2007-2008)  
Research Grant, Forum on Race and Immigration/Urban Studies, University of Pennsylvania (2006)  
Teaching Fellowship, Programs in Contemporary Writing, University of Pennsylvania (2005-2006)  
Ethnohistory Program Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (2004, 2002, 1997)  
Fulbright Garcia Robles Fellowship (2001), Fulbright Extension Grant (2002)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Population Council Support Grant, University of Pennsylvania (2001)  
Penfield Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, fellowship declined (2001)  
Passed PhD Qualifying Exam with Distinction (2000)  
Latin American Cultures Program Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (1999)  
Anthropology Department Field Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania (1999)  
Visiting Scholar Exchange Program, Columbia University (1999)  
Cultural Anthropology Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (1998)  
Writing Fellow, Programs in Contemporary Writing, University of Pennsylvania (1998)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Population Council Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania (1997)  
Passed PhD Preliminary Exam with Honors (1997)  
Phi Beta Kappa (1993); Graduated Magna Cum Laude (1993)

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Book Manuscript*

In Preparation Words of Passage: Ethical Discourse and the Imagined Lives of Mexican Migrants.  
To be submitted for initial review fall 2014. Several presses have expressed interest; I am most actively in conversation with Laura Ahearn, who is the Series Editor of Oxford University Press's Studies in the Anthropology of Language.

### *Book Chapters in Edited Volumes*

Under Review (by editors) "The Polity's Progress and The Suffering Woman: Scalar Imaginaries in Talk of Migration and Other Troubles." To appear in the edited volume The Pragmatics of Scale; Michael Lempert and Summerson Carr, eds. I have submitted the article for review by the editors; the complete volume will be submitted for review by a to be determined press in October 2014.

In Preparation (with Lynnette Arnold). "Multi-sited Approaches to Language and Mobility." To appear in Routledge Handbook on Language and Mobility. I was invited to complete the article by volume editor Suresh Canagarajah. To be submitted for Review in February 2015.

2013 "Diaspora and Discourse: The Contrapuntal Lives of Mexican Nonmigrants." In A Companion to Diaspora and Transnationalism Studies. Ato Quayson and Girish Daswani, eds. Malden, MA: WILEY Blackwell. 412-427.

### *Articles in Peer Review Journals*

2011 "Language and Migration to the United States." Annual Review of Anthropology. 40: 227-240.

2011 "Introduction—Racializing Discourses," co-authored with Kristina Wirtz. Journal of Linguistic Anthropology 21(s1): e2-e10.

2011 "Making Immigrants Illegal in Small Town USA." Journal of Linguistic Anthropology. 21(s1): e35-e55.

2010 "Imagined Lives and Modernist Chronotopes in Mexican Non-Migrant Discourse." American Ethnologist 37(2): 275-290.

2010 "No Option but to Go: Poetic Rationalization and the Discursive Production of Mexican Migrant Identity." Language and Communication 30(2): 90-108.

2006 "What Do You Do With 'I Don't Know': Processes of Elicitation in Ethnographic vs. Survey Interviews." Originally published in 2006 in Qualitative Sociology 29(1): 87-102. Republish in Data Collection, W. Paul Vogt, ed. London: Sage Publications (2010).

### *Special Issue Journal*

2011 "Racializing Discourse," special issue journal, co-edited with Kristina Wirtz. Journal of Linguistic Anthropology 21(s1): e2-e122.

### *Commentaries and Columns*

2012 "Self-Deportation as Neoliberal Morality Tale." Anthropology News. October. <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2012/10/11/self-deportation/>

2007 "A Meditation on Fieldwork after the Fact." Anthropology News 48(3): 60-61.

2006 "Haciendo de Tripas el Corazón/Plucking Up Courage: Migration, Family Internal Conflict, and Gender in Veronica's Story." Migration Letters 3(1): 67-77.

2002 "El Diálogo entre los aspectos socio-culturales y económicos de la migración de México a los Estados Unidos," Cuadernos del CICSUG, Centro de Investigación en Ciencias Sociales de Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico.

### Book Reviews

- 2012 Review of *Homegirls: Language and Cultural Practice among Latina Youth Gangs*, Norma Mendoza-Denton (Blackwell Press, 2008). Journal of Linguistic Anthropology 22(2): e108-e111.
- 2008 Review of *Rancheros in Chicagoacán: Language and Identity in a Transnational Community*, Marcia Farr (University of Texas, Austin Press, 2006) and *Mexican Americans and Language: Del Dicho al Hecho*, Glenn A Martínez (University of Arizona Press, 2006). Journal of Linguistic Anthropology 18(1): 153-155.

### SELECT INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Upcoming The Polity's Progress and The Suffering Woman: Scalar Imaginaries in Talk of Migration and Other Trouble. Linguistics Series, Department of Anthropology/Linguistics Program, Wake Forest University. (Was to present in February 2014; talk rescheduled to fall 2014, due to weather.)
- 2013 Diasporic Disillusionments—Discourse and the Failures of Mobility. Anthropology Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University.
- 2011 Person and Persuasion in Migrant and Media Talk about Migration. Hispanic Heritage Month Invited Speaker, Alliance of Latin American Students, Haverford College.
- 2009 Making Mexicans Illegal in Small Town USA. Distinguished Faculty Lecture, Center for the Humanities, Temple University.
- 2008 Intimate Politics of Recognition in Mexico-US Migration. Workshop on the Anthropology of Latin America, University of Chicago.
- 2007 Between Here and There: Intergenerational Difference in Mexican Migrant Families. Panel on Childhood & Migration, Drexel University.
- 2006 Words of Passage: Discourse in Migration. Department of Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College.
- 2006 Changes in U.S. Immigration Policy since 1986. Mellon TriCo Faculty Forum on Contemporary Mexico, Swarthmore College.
- 2004 After God, *El Norte*: True Tales of Migration from Mexico to Pennsylvania. Latin American Studies Program Lecture Series, University of Delaware.
- 2002 El Diálogo entre los aspectos socio-culturales y económicos de la Migración de México a los Estados Unidos. Seminario de Investigación Perminente lecture series, Universidad de Guanajuato.

### SELECT PANELS & PROGRAMS ORGANIZED

- 2013 SLA Presidential Conversation on Language and Mobility. 112<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Anthropological Association, co-organized with Adirenne Lo and Jonathan Rosa.
- 2011 INVITED SESSION: Temporalities of Transnationalism and Diaspora: Traces and Legacies of Sociocultural Life across Borders, 110<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association meeting; co-organized with Alejandro Paz. Discussant: Patrick Eisenlohr.
- 2010 Interpellation across Borders, 109<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association meeting; co-organized with Sabina Perrino. Discussants: Summerson Carr and H.P. Dick.
- 2009 Discourse Crossing: Language in the Making of Transnational Migration, 108<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association meeting; co-organized with Sabina Perrino. Discussants: Norma Mendoza-Denton and Monica Heller.

- 2006 Learning the Migratory Nation: The Semiotics of Difference, Belonging, and Power in Transnational Contexts; 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Anthropological Association; organized with Char Ullman. Discussant: Susan Philips.
- 2005 Identities, Mistaken and Secret: The Semiotics of “Identity” in Time and Space, 104<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Anthropological Association; organized with Paja Faudree. Discussants: Mary Bucholtz and Asif Agha.
- 2003 How We Observe Reveals What We See, 125<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Ethnological Society; organized with Aiden Downey. Discussant: Kathleen D. Hall.
- 2000 INVITED SESSION: Metaculture and Its Implications for Public Processes, 99<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Anthropological Association; organized with Greg Urban. Discussants: Michael Silverstein and Benjamin Lee.

### **SELECT PAPERS PRESENTED AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES**

- 2014 Scale and Suffering. Presented on panel Migration and Diasporas, organized by Asif Agha, Paja Faudree, and Becky Schuthlies, Semiotics Conference, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2013 Diasporic Disillusionments: Scale-Troping and the Failures Of Progress. Presented on panel The Pragmatics of Scale, organized by Michael Lempert and Summerson Carr, 112<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2012 Moral Mobility: Negotiating Migration’s Double Bind. Presented on panel Speaking Across Borders: Language, Mobility, and Community, organized by Elizabeth Falconi, 111<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2011 Citizen's Arrest: Everyday Sovereignty in an Anti-migrant Age. Presented on panel Temporalities of Transnationalism and Diaspora, organized by H.P. Dick and Alejandro Paz, 110<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2009 Other Rooms, Other Voices: Speaking Gender, Making Mexico-US Migration. Presented on panel Discourse Crossing, organized by H.P. Dick and Sabina Perrino, 108<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2008 Making ‘The ‘Illegal Mexican’ in Small Town USA. Presented on panel Racializing Discourses, organized by Kristina Wirtz, 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2008 Cumulative Complaint: Communicative Practices as Influencing Mexico-US Migration. Presented at the University of Arizona’s Linguistics and Anthropology Symposium.
- 2006 The North is a Gilded Cage: Discursive Reconfiguration of Family and Nation in US-Mexican Migration. Presented on panel Learning the Migratory Nation, organized by H.P. Dick and Char Ullman, 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2004 If God Will Help Me Get a House: Housing in Migration from Mexico to the United States. Presented on panel Casa, Colonia, and Cuidad: The Materiality of Transnational Social Relations, organized by Elizabeth Ferry, XXV Congress of the Latin American Studies Association.

### **SELECT PANEL COMMENTARY**

- Upcoming EXECUTIVE SESSION: Panelist for AAA Roundtable Professional Divides III: Journalists and Anthropologists in Conversation about Language, Practice, and Public Communication. 113<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Anthropological Association, December 2014.
- 2013 Panelist for Living the Dream, a public forum on the USA Dream Act, Arcadia University.

- 2012 Discussant for panel Latino Public Politics: Negotiating Belonging through Language, Identity, Advocacy, and Learning. 111<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association Meeting. November 2012.
- 2010 Discussant for panel Interpellation across Borders, 109<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association.

### INVITED FACULTY SEMINAR PARTICIPANT

- 2008-Present Michigan Faculty Seminar on Linguistic Anthropology, University of Chicago and the University of Michigan, organized by Michael Silverstein, Susan Gal, Judith Irvine, and Bruce Mannheim.
- 2008-10 Fellows Seminar, Center for the Humanities, Temple University, organized by Peter Logan.
- 2006-07 Mellon Seminar on Contemporary Mexico, Swarthmore College, organized by Aurora Camacho de Schmidt and Miguel Diaz Barriga.
- 2005-07 Faculty Forum on Race, Immigration and Inequality, University of Pennsylvania Urban Institute, organized by Michael Katz, Kathleen Hall, Wendell Pritchett, and Mark Stern.
- 2005-07 Faculty Forum: Colonial Dialogues, University of Pennsylvania Departments of History and Anthropology, organized by Nancy Farriss and Greg Urban.

### SELECT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2006 Project Ethnographer, Forum on Race and Immigration, University of Pennsylvania  
Researched residence patterns among Mexican migrants in Pennsylvania.
- 2000-02 Dissertation Field Research, Uriangato, Guanajuato, Mexico & Chester County, PA
- 2001; 2003 Survey Researcher, Mexican Migration Project (MMP), Princeton University/Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, Project Directors: Douglas S. Massey and Jorge Durand  
Implemented MMP survey questionnaire in 187 households in Mexico and the US.

### SELECT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

#### *Reviewer*

- American Ethnologist, Blackwell Publishing.
- American Anthropologist, Blackwell Publishing.
- Journal of Linguistic Anthropology, University of California Press.

#### *University Service*

- Ongoing Committee Member, Institutional Review Board (COPRS), Arcadia University.
- Ongoing Co-supervisor of Research Assistants, Department of Historical and Political Studies, Arcadia Uni.
- Ongoing Faculty Mentor for COMPASS, a student academic journal, Arcadia Uni.
- Ongoing Co-Organizer, Junior Faculty Group, Scholarship Sub-Committee, Arcadia University.
- Ongoing Organizer, Faculty Writing Group, Department of Historical and Political Studies, Arcadia Uni.
- 2012-2013 University Representative, Greater Philadelphia Latin American Studies Consortium.
- 2011-2012 Departmental Representative, Institutional Review Board (COPRS), Arcadia University.
- 2011 Discussion Facilitator, "We Still Live Here" (Documentary on Wampanoag language), Arcadia Uni.
- 2011 Organized Haverford College Distinguished Lecture, "Why Mass Incarceration Matters," given by Heather Ann Thompson (Temple University).
- 2010-11 Faculty Consultant, CPGC Mexico City Field Study on Migration, Haverford College.
- 2008-10 Member, Advisory Board, Center for the Humanities, Temple University.

#### *Professional Service*

- Ongoing Member, Language & Social Justice Group, Society for Linguistic Anthropology.
- 2013 Review Committee for Society for Linguistic Anthropology Undergraduate Paper Prize.
- 2008-10 Member, Advisory Board, Center for the Humanities, Temple University.
- 2007-08 Member, Advisory Board, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago.